GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
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PENDING DIVORCE CASES OF INDIANS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether instances of divorce of couples of Indian Origin abroad are constantly on the increase;

(b) If so, the names of countries where such instances have been found to be considerably high;

(c) The total number of divorce cases of people of Indian origin pending disposal abroad, country-wise;

(d) Whether the Union Government has any mechanism to intervene in such litigation through our Embassy in the respective country;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) If not, the measures likely to be adopted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c): Reports on divorce of couples of Indian Origin abroad are not maintained in the Ministry.

(d) & (e): No, Sir.

(f): The Government is taking measures to create awareness on this issue. The measures include publishing a guidance booklet on marriages to Overseas Indians and publicity through print and electronic media. The Ministry organized a National Consultation in Delhi in February 2006 and a Workshop in Chandigarh in June 2006 to address the problems relating to marriages with overseas Indians.